

PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.

## Intimations

**SHAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
**FOR SHANGHAI.**  
*Cargo and Passengers at through rate for*  
**NEWKIN, NINGPOO, AND PORTS IN**  
**JAPAN.**  
 Company's Steamship  
**"SIRPEDON"**  
 despatched on or about the 7th January,  
 Freight or Passage, apply to  
**"BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
*Agents,*  
 Hongkong, 29th December, 1874.  
**SMITH'S ASSISTANT WANTED.**  
 European. Write and address "SHANG-  
 HAI" of this Paper.  
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1874.

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**NOTICE.**  
**ERRATA** Pursuant to the Provisions of  
 Ordinance No. 14 of 1862, the following  
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is hereby given, that His Excellency  
error has appointed THEHIBDAY, the  
of January 1881, at 10 o'clock, at  
a sitting of the Executive Council at  
es of the Government, for the purpose  
saining the said Petition, and that at  
ing of the Council, application will be  
each Letters Patent as aforesaid.

at Victoria, Hongkong, this 25th day

**Solicitors**

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF CONTRACTS.**  
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**

Reference to my Advertisement dated 21st December, 1874—PRESIDENTS (in duplicate) are again required to execute and submit, IMPROVING IMAGE of Murray Barracks, and will be received in this Office till Noon of TUESDAY 5th January, 1875.

Persons desiring to tender for the Execution of the above Work must leave their Names and the value of their proposed Work in the

Commissariat Building  
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tion obtained, up to 4th January, 1875, the hours of 10 A.M. and 3 p.m. daily, excepted, and with the exception of those who may be called upon to receive any duty, pay the sum of \$3 for every day of the appointment and Bills of exchange which have been prepared by the Agent Surveyor.

And the officers who tendered on the two previous days are permitted to send in Amended Bills of exchange on the 4th day.

And the Assistant Controller (for the Secretary for War) does not bind himself to accept lowest or any Tender.

C. M. MOLONY,  
Assistant Controller.

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R always on hand a STOCK  
 OF CLEAR SOLID-BLOCK ICE  
 in pure FINEST WATER, without  
 of Ether, Ammonia, or any kind  
 of adulteration.  
 AT TWO CENTS PER POUND.  
 ALL AGREEMENTS made with Stomach  
 or Agents.  
 T. No. 17, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONG-  
 HOTEL BUILDINGS.  
 is at EAST POINT.  
 KYLE & BAIN,  
 Proprietors,  
 (Hongkong, 2nd December, 1874.)

**NOTICE.**

SHIPMENTS OF SPECIAL CARGO,  
 BOX O. S. B. CO'S S.S. *ALIX*  
 FROM LIVERPOOL.  
 Orders must be obtained from  
 Undersigned not later than the 2nd  
 1875, for shipment per *SARPEDON*,  
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 29th December, 1874.

delivery may be obtained.  
Cargo will be to

the contrary is received by Noon  
A. Y. the 26th met.  
The contrary will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Rangoon, 28th December 1874.

NOTICE

SUIHAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

My Cargo, ex "Galacunda" has been forwarded  
to the Company's Godown, opposite  
Wharf, and Consignees are informed  
to remain at their risk.

A. MOIVER,  
Superintendent.

AN. SHIP GAME

AGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby requested to send in bills of Lading to the Undersigned, for presentation and to take immediate delivery of the same, and to avoid impeding the discharge of the Vessel and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

**VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**  
HONGKONG, 22nd December, 1874.

**BRITISH BARK LORD MACAULAY,**  
FROM LONDON.

AGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby requested to send in bills of Lading to the Undersigned, for presentation and to take immediate delivery of the same, and to avoid impeding the discharge of the Vessel and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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**VOGEL & HAGEDORN & Co.**  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1874.

**PAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

SHIPPIERS of the following Cargo are  
requested to send in their bills of Lading  
undesignated for counter-signature, and  
immediate delivery; this Cargo has been  
received and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

Instructions have been issued

"Downy." End. Ju

... 35 cases Beer,  
long, 24th December, 1874.











**WIREWOOD.**

You woodmen, like a human kind,  
Hark ye, ye woodmen of the kind,  
Now that the winter is so cold,  
Now that the winter is so cold,<

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**MONTAIGNE'S ESSAYS.**

Montaigne's Essays are the greatest  
charm to the feet that rest not on  
the secrets of a soul, but of a soul not much  
raised above the common-place, and his own  
own. Such influences as acted upon his  
spirit, are upon ours. He goes about the  
world among his fellows, plays the fool among  
the boys, and is sober when he grows old;  
has pos of honour and dignity, associates  
sum times with great people, his humble  
gentleman of some, his friend, his enemy,  
country, a *perle de famille*. There is nothing  
more in our common-place, ordinary,  
and of more routine in his life, everything  
which should be him entirely fitted for  
the world he undertook. The *Placid* poets,  
the scholar, the scholar, the scholar,  
and poetry—his life should attempt to do  
that Montaigne succeeded in doing, what  
sort of man would they produce? Consider  
the ordinary people talk about, listen to  
them at their tables, in the streets, in railway  
carriages; as they talk, Montaigne's people  
talked. It is not of politics, nor is it of  
literature, nor is it of art. They talk of their  
own habits first, their little dodges to keep  
off sickness and other death, then their  
hobbies and children, and then, as they  
mean, that are going on, they, money-  
making, when the topic of the day, on which  
they have a decided opinion. That is how  
Montaigne talked, that is how he wrote. No  
clearer than the portraits of himself, got  
from his Essays, nothing is likely to excite  
enthusiasm. — *The French Humorists.*

**GOOD ANECDOTE OF LORD PAMMURE.**

While waiting through his plantation one  
day, Lord Pammure was attracted by the  
sound of some one falling in a tree. "What  
are you about there?" said he to a young  
man whom he caught in the act of felling a  
"statally monarch the wood," and who had  
been seen and horse ready, but great dis-  
tance, to carry away the body. "You see  
what I have done," said the young man, "I  
have cut down the tree." "Nay, don't  
you'll be some of the woodcutters that  
big house!" Amused at the great coolness  
of the rustic, his lordship, with some diffi-  
culty in maintaining a proper gravity, said,  
"What if I should be to come upon you?"  
"Hout, my lord, was you a tree?"—There  
was a brief pause, in which the young man  
said, "But I'm in a hurry, I wish you  
would give a hand, my lord." To this Pammure  
good-humouredly agreed; and when the tree  
had been safely felled upon the cart, the  
jolly peasant proposed to reward his lordship  
with a dram in a neighbouring alehouse. To  
this, however, he would not agree, but  
his lordship invited the youth to call upon  
him at the castle, where, by asking for  
"James the footman," he would be sure to  
find him, and be treated to a glass out of his  
own bottle. The young man called according  
to promise; but the fugitive and astonish-  
ment may be well imagined when, instead of  
meeting "James the footman," he was ushered  
with great ceremony, into the presence of  
Maie and his company of gentlemen. "My  
lord," said his lordship, "I wish you no. But  
the next time you go to cut wood, I would  
advise you first to get Lord Pammure's au-  
thority." With this gentle reprimand  
he dismissed the terrified depredator, who  
not without giving instructions that he should  
well be entertained in the hall.

**THE FALLS OF NIAGARA.**

The Falls of Niagara occur in the river of  
the same name, that comes from two of the  
magnificent inland freshwater lakes, viz.,  
Ontario and Erie, which empty into the  
St. Lawrence, which Ontario is 180 miles, and  
Erie from the S.W. towards the N.W. the  
waters of Erie force themselves against the N.W.  
corner through the narrow bed of a river  
running directly north and find their way  
into Lake Ontario, whilst Lake Ontario again  
discharges its flood through the Lawrence  
River into the North Atlantic. It is in the  
violent endeavour that is made to force  
between these two lakes, to find a junction,  
that the Niagara rapids, and the falls, are  
added general Niagara falls, takes place.  
If you want to interview the Falls, as a  
visitor from New York, you the other hand  
from San Francisco, you may conveniently  
perform the whole journey by rail. The line  
from New York which you almost close to  
the Falls, whilst that from San Francisco  
you cut off the little village of Niagara about  
two miles from the rugged tumbled  
bluffs. At this spot the great river  
is spanned by a high level bridge, similar in  
plan to that of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It is  
a suspension bridge with a span of 822 feet.  
A little higher up—that is in the neighbour-  
hood of the Falls—there is a second bridge;  
which, like the other, is a railway bridge.  
Although it is not possible, at any time,  
to visit the Falls, yet it is not so difficult  
to tell that there is some more  
influential at work of a divine kind, for, in  
the first place, the long, heavy, thundering  
roar of the cataracts is quite enough evidence  
of the fact. It is said that the noise of the  
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1720 Hongkong, 26th October, 1874.  
THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND  
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THE Undersigned, having been appointed  
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pany, will be pleased to receive applications  
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